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FOR: EXPANDABLE/CONTRACTIBLE UNIVERSAL THERMAL BULKHEAD
STRUCTURE FOR USE WITHIN REFRIGERATED CARGO CONTAINERS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants hereby desire to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following **PRIOR ART** of which Applicants are aware and which is also listed upon the attached **PTO FORM 1449**:

Information Disclosure Statement
**EXPANDABLE/CONTRACTIBLE UNIVERSAL THERMAL BULKHEAD
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Onken	6,203,419
Gothier	6,116,044
Onken	5,993,310
Henning et al.	5,947,812
Onken	5,807,046
Henning et al.	5,769,704

The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward a bulkhead structure for incorporation within refrigerated cargo containers wherein the bulkhead structure comprises structural components which effectively permit the height and width dimensions of the bulkhead structure to be expanded or contracted so as to effectively alter or adjust the height and width dimensions of the bulkhead structure in order to correspond to the internal height and width dimensions of the refrigerated cargo container. In this manner, the bulkhead structure effectively comprises universal bulkhead structure which can be disposed in a properly sealed manner internally within any refrigerated cargo container regardless of the internal height and width dimensions of the refrigerated cargo container. Accordingly, the necessity of manufacturing or fabricating a multitude of bulkhead structures, each manufactured or fabricated according to predetermined specifications characteristic of individual refrigerated cargo containers, is obviated and eliminated.

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While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses conventional refrigerated cargo container bulkhead structures, it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART** patent publications cited above do not disclose the particular aforenoted features characteristic of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with the completion of the examination of this patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,
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